WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method for effecting transactions across a plurality of vendors in an

2   internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a plurality of items the user

3   finds independent of the vendors, comprising the steps:

4   providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said plurality of

5   items drawn from said plurality of vendors;

6   receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;

7   mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of vendors;

8   filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected set of

9   vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information; and

10   submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors.

1   2.   The method of claim 1 wherein said selection of goods to purchase is

2   indicated by the user by means of clicking an icon.

1   3.   The method of claim 1 wherein said providing to the user a plurality of

2   items for purchase further comprises:

3   searching said internet environment for said plurality of items matching a

4   set of user specified criterion; and

5   displaying a result screen of said plurality of items matching said set of

6   user specified criterion.

1   4.   The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

2   passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein the user

3   can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step.

1   5.   The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

2   tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding vendors

3   in response to the submitting step.

1   6.   A method for effecting transactions across a plurality of vendors in an

2   internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a plurality of items the user

3   finds independent of the vendors, comprising the steps:

4   providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said plurality of

5   items drawn from said plurality of vendors;

6   receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;

7   mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of vendors;

8   filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected set of

9   vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information;

10   passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein the user

11 can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step;

12   submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors; and

13   tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding vendors

14 in response to the submitting step.

1   7.   A method for effecting transactions across a plurality of nodes, wherein a

2   user may make a plurality of transactions with said plurality of nodes, comprising the

3   steps:

4   providing to the user a plurality of transactions from which to choose, said

5   plurality of transactions drawn from said plurality of nodes;

6   receiving from said user a selection from said plurality of transactions;

7   mapping said selection of to a selected set of said plurality of nodes;

8   filling forms corresponding to each of said selected set of nodes selected

9   by the user; and

10   submitting said forms to said corresponding nodes.

1   8.   The method of claim 7 wherein said nodes are web sites on an internet.

1   9.   The method of claim 7 wherein said nodes are web sites on an intranet.

1   10.   The method of claim 7 wherein said nodes are web sites on an Internet.

1   11.   A system for effecting transactions across a plurality of vendors in an

2   internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a plurality of items the user

3   finds independent of the vendors, comprising:

4   at least one client, in conversation with at least one server in order to

5   effect:

6   providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said plurality of

7   items drawn from said plurality of vendors;

8   receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;

9   mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of vendors;

10   filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected set of

11   vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information;_and

12   submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors.

1   12.   The system of claim 11 wherein said selection of goods to purchase is

2   indicated by the user by means of clicking an icon.

1   13.   The system of claim 11 wherein said providing to the user a plurality of

2   items for purchase further comprises:

3   searching said internet environment for said plurality of items matching a

4   set of user specified criterion; and

5   displaying a result screen of said plurality of items matching said set of

6   user specified criterion.

1   14.   The system of claim 11 wherein said server and said client are further

2   disposed to:

3   passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein the user

4   can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step.

1   15.   The system of claim 11 said server and said client are further disposed to:

2   tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding vendors

3   in response to the submitting step.

1   16.   A computer programming product for effecting transactions across a

2   plurality of vendors in an internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a

3   plurality of items the user finds independent of the vendors, comprising:

4   a computer readable storage medium;

5   code for providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said

6   plurality of items drawn from said plurality of vendors;

7 code for receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;

8 code for mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of

9 vendors;

10 code for filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected

11 set of vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information; and

12 code for submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors.

1 17. The computer programming product of claim 16 wherein said selection of

2 goods to purchase is indicated by the user by means of clicking an icon.

1 18. The computer programming product of claim 16 wherein said providing to

2 the user a plurality of items for purchase further comprises:

3 code for searching said internet environment for said plurality of items

4 matching a set of user specified criterion; and

5 code for displaying a result screen of said plurality of items matching said

6 set of user specified criterion.

1 19. The computer programming product of claim 16 wherein further

2 comprising:

3 code for passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein

4 the user can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step.

1 20. The computer programming product of claim 16 further comprising:

2 code for tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding

3 vendors in response to the submitting step.